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Summer Begins June 21

Mass Meeting This Friday To Debate School Issues

C of C Discusses Many Projects

At the regular meeting of the Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce in the Community Hall on Friday evening the regular business was followed by several talks by members and visitors. The president reported that hereafter only committee chairmen would be appointed and they could then choose their own committee members. The group heard of the visit of Jack Poole, head of the Water company, in response to an invitation from the Board of Directors to discuss complaints of water users.

G. A. Lindberg then told of the problems confronting this district in the matter of flood control. He had prepared maps to illustrate his points. The matter of fire protection was brought up and the need for quick action stressed. Martel Ferris of Yucca Mesa spoke of the availability of funds and materials for a summer program of youth training. Mrs. Johnnie Beard told of the need of the PTA for assistance in the program.

After further discussion the members voted to appoint a committee to work with the youth program as set up by the PTA and the American Legion. Mrs. Beard was appointed chairman and chose Frank Biggs and Meredith Willey to act with her. The school question is reported in another column.

Youngsters to Get Credit for Summer Reading

For the fourth successive year, youngsters living within the area served by the San Bernardino County Free Library may take part in the Summer Reading Club program beginning June 16, it was learned today from Miss Helen Luce, County Librarian.

Arrangements for the reading clubs have been made by Miss Mary Jo Meade, children's librarian. Posters are being placed in the various branches. Stars will be placed after each child's name upon the reading of every book with bookmarks or buttons being given for the reading of five volumes and an individual certificate awarded for the reading of ten books.

Started in 1944, the reading clubs had 450 young readers who qualified for the diplomas. More than 700 juveniles received certificates last summer, and a larger number is expected to qualify this year. Colton and Chino branches of 52 juvenile libraries usually have the largest number of youngsters taking part in the reading program.

Pupils of the second through eighth grades are eligible to take part in the club activities. Books must be read by August 23 to qualify the readers for either bookmarks or certificates.

In this area branch libraries are located in Joshua Tree, Morongo, and Twentynine Palms.

Royal and Below Change Deal

Instead of the lease as announced in last week's issue Floyd Royal reported Sunday that he had purchased the business and building of Dewey Below. The deal was unique in that no papers were asked by either party to bind the agreement, but a friendly handshake established the transaction. The final deal is all legal and according to Hoyle, and now in escrow.

The new manager, Jeanette Clark, said, "We will continue to serve the same delicious desert burgers but starting Wednesday my own specialty, chili and beans, will be added to our menu."

A group of friends on Monday night farewelled the Belows who started a vacation. Chilled champagne was served the many guests and well wishers.

Beauty Salon To Open Soon

Foundations have been poured to receive a new building that will be moved here on Wednesday by Leonard and Wright of Palm Springs for Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ojala. Mrs. Ojala will open a beauty shop as soon as the building and equipment are ready, probably next month. She has been engaged in this work for the past fifteen years the last five of which were spent in Compton. Gus announced that he had plans under consideration for the establishment of a Finnish bath at a later date.

Youth Group Has Busy Week

A swimming party, a farewell party and a regular Sunday evening session kept the members of the Community Youth Fellowship well occupied the past week. On Wednesday a swimming party at the 29 Palms pool was topped off by a treat of fudge. On Friday the group had a taffy pull at Ruth Keatly's home to bid farewell to Georgia Rundall. After the regular Sunday evening meeting at the home of Mrs. H. K. Lee ice cream and cake were served.

Yucca Valley Legion to Celebrate The Fourth

Plans for an all day celebration culminating in a starlight dance on an open air pavillion are in the making by the Yucca Valley Post, American Legion, it was announced this week by Merton Martenson, publicity chairman.

Festivities will start with athletic contests for the young folks at 10:00 a.m. In the afternoon a ball game between two of the valley's leading baseball teams will be featured. At noon the hunger of the spectators will be appeased by a baked ham plate lunch served by the Legion Auxiliary who will also serve pop and sandwiches at a booth throughout the day.

Commander F. E. Lewis has appointed Art Goodwin as general chairman of the event. Goodwin has named other chairmen to assist. A. A. Weir, Post Adjutant, will be in charge of finances; Robert Redden, Jake Rice and Merton Martenson head committees already appointed.

Realtor Changes Office Location

Delphine K. M. Marcy of 29 Palms, announces the removal of her real estate office from the Bryan Building to the C. J. Lord Building, which is located on the east side of Adobe Road, about half way between the Four Corners and th Post Office Plaza, Twentynine Palms.

Mrs. Marcy came to this area first in 1932 to visit friends and during her visit planned to return for permanent dwelling. In December 1945 she returned, and became associated with E. H. Nicholes as an associate broker and branch manager of the 4 Corners Office. After Mr. Nicholes death in April, 1946, she continued alone; became an insurance agent and a notary public for this county, and later a realtor, when the 29 Palms Realty Board was established.

Mr. Charles J. Lord former operator of the Chevron Station in the Smoke Tree Area of 29 Palms, and more recently employed as a salesman with Smoke Tree Lands, Inc., will be associated with Mrs. Marcy in the sale of desert properties.

State and County Officials Asked To Clarify Muddled Situation

At the regular meeting of the Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce Friday evening it was announced that a hitch in obtaining promised school buildings had developed. After a discussion of the few known facts it was voted unanimously to call a meeting of all citizens of this school district to be held at the Joshua Tree Community Hall at eight o'clock Friday night, June 20. The Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce was instructed to write the State Architect for information relative to the reported high cost of adapting proposed buildings from WAA for school use. A copy of the letter was sent to all county officials concerned and to the Board of Trustees of the Morongo Elementary School District with an invitation to be present at the meeting.

The Journal was informed last week that the buildings from Torney General Hospital surplus would not be purchased as was announced in a previous issue of this newspaper. Board Secretary Ralph Henry could not be reached but a reliable source in 29 Palms asserted that some other method of obtaining relief for the critical school housing situation must be found.

Civic organizations will endeavor to sift facts and prepare for an intelligent discussion of the situation at the coming meeting. It was reported by several of the members in attendance at the Chamber meeting last Friday that other districts are utilizing barracks and ward buildings for temporary school structures.

In Joshua Tree the past year preparations were made to care for the instruction of twenty pupils but over fifty reported . An extra teacher was provided but the classroom facilities were entirely inadequate making it necessary to hold split sessions. Since many pupils rode the bus from other towns this necessitated a half day wait without proper supervision for the students.

Citizens are reminded that the meeting wil be held at the Community Hall on Park Boulevard and Easterly Drive at 8:00 p.m. Friday evening in Joshua Tree. Everyone in the entire Elementary School District is urged to be present.

Fall From Horse Injures Yucca Valley Youth

Dale Weston, son of Don Weston of Yucca Valley was painfully injured Tuesday afternoon, June 10, when he was thrown from a horse. Dr. Ince of 29 Palms was called and authorized the use of the ambulance at Joshua Tree to bring Dale for examination . It was reported that the boy had suffered an injured spleen and he was sent in the ambulance to the Redlands Community Hospital.

Don Walker drove from Yucca to 29 Palms and back to Joshua Tree where Ray Rees took over for the trip to Redlands and back. Miss Edith Parrish was the attending nurse for the entire trip. This was the second run for the local ambulance since its location here.

Legion Auxiliary Honors Departing Member

Climaxing the regular American Legion Auxiliary meeting was a farewell party in honor of Eva Lehenbauer the retiring secretary. After the regular business meeting at the Legion Hall the ladies adjourned to Stefan's where an attractively decorated table awaited them. Sandwiches and ice cream were enjoyed after which Louise de Bandrowsky presented the guest of honor with a lovely corsage of carnations. Pictures were taken of the officers and all members present for the History Book.

At the meeting Thursday officers for the coming year were nominated. They are President, Norma Bunker; 1st Vice-President, Irene Rogers and Thelma Wiser; 2nd Vice-President, Georgia Harrington; Secretary, Benita Lyday and Maude Fox; Treasurer, Thelma Wiser; Chaplain, Constance Bloom; Historian, Mrs. Worthen, and Sergeant at Arms, Sybil Seay. Since Mrs. Fox automatically becomes Junior Past President she withdrew the nomination for secretary. The treasurer reported a balance on hand of one hundred nine dollars. The president commended Mrs. Lehenbauer on her work as secretary and thanked all members for the year's cooperation.

Journal Visitors

Lester Peterman, Chester Bunker and Tex Dunsworth dropped in last Tuesday to settle the weighty affairs of the nation with your editor.

Journeying from Oregon last week were Mr. and Mrs. De Weber who had been reading about Joshua Tree and wanted to look us over. They came in, got acquainted and have decided to stay for a while. We hope they make their stay a permanent one.

O. S. Dean of Sun Valley renewed his subscription in person last Tuesday. Being a native stepson, from Iowa that is, he and your correspondent talked the same language.

On Thursday we had visitors from Westwood Village. Mrs. Lester F. Ferguson and her sister, Mrs. Jack Rucker, came here to inspect Mrs. Fergusons property. The visit resulted in a subscription to the Journal and, we hope, a determination to locate here.

J. W. Benton of Yucca Valley and Long Beach was in town on business and stopped in long enough to say hello.

Mounted Men Invade Townsite

The plop plop of horses hoofs is not exactly unfamiliar to the ears of the local citizenry but many heads were turned on Sunday at the sight of many big - hatted hombres advancing menacingly toward the center of town each one leading a spare mount for what might be a quick getaway. As they turned toward Bills' service station we expected anything, but they dismounted in an orderly manner and quaffed long and often from the water fountain.

Timid interrogation elicited the information that it was the riders of the Pony Express stable taking the horses up to Fawnskin for the summer season. Seventeen of the hay burners and their riders made camp at the Pipes Sunday night and expected to reach the destination on Monday.

GI Journalist Buys In Sun Valley

Harold A. Reinert, a student at Rodger Young Village where he is studying journalism under the GI bill of rights purchased a residence lot at Sun Valley Acres on Sunday. He was impressed with the location as an ideal spot in which to carry on his future endeavors and is trying to interest a group of friends in locating there.

The Personal Touch

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lehenbauer have rented their home on Valley View and Commercial and with their sons, Johnny, Kay and Frankie and daughter Ella Mell, left Sunday for their farm in Fairdealing, Missouri. Johnny and Kay drove from Missouri to Joshua Tree last week to attend the graduation of their sister at Ventura College where she majored in Home Economics.

Bobby Coulter, son of John and Verna Coulter, will enter Mt. Lowe Military Academy on June 29. Bobby will start in the eighth grade at the Academy.

The vivacious manager of the Gift Shop, June Houghton, was all atwitter the past weekend. Her husband Don managed to get away from his work in the Imperial Valley and spend four days with her here in Joshua Tree.

Pick Laughlin, genial host at the Desert Steak House and his wife Birdie, will journey to the City of the Angels this week to transact business and relax for a week. The Steak House will be closed while the Laughlins enjoy their first vacation in nearly two years.

Forrest Wilson started on a trip last Thursday that will take him to the northern part of the state. He will wind up business affairs in San Francisco and visit in Modesto and other cities before returning to devote all his time to local interests.

Terry Bild and her brother John have been busily engaged the past week in the building of their new home on Sunburst. They left Sunday morning for the city where Terry will remain for a while. John brought his mother, Mrs. Margaret Bild back with him on Monday.

Frank and Maude Fox left Joshua Tree early Sunday morning for an indefinite stay. Frank will enter a veterans hospital either at Sawtelle or Corona for further observation and treatment.

Virgil Heffner of La Ferney Rancho has returned from a visit to Houston and San Antonio, Texas. While in San Antonio he spent many enjoyable hours with his brother, Jerry Heffner, at Brooks Field.

It was a busy week at Rancho La Ferney, in fact. Fred La Ferney was honored on Father's Day by a visit from his daughters, Judy Shannon recuperating from polio at Rancho Los Amigos, and Bonnie Harris who came from Santa Ana with her husband, William H. Harris and their two chilren, Barbara and Bill. Judy also was delighted to see her very young son who has been cared for by his grandparents. Mrs. La Ferney's sister, Mrs. H. A. Chadwick and family of Santa Ana were here last week but left for their home on Sunday.

Ed Bartlett, well known bachelor and property owner, is spending the week at his home in Joshua Tree. He intends to continue surveying on his acreage adjacent to the community.

Phyllis Whipple of Los Angeles accompanied her husband, J. R. Whipple, local draftsman, on his return from the city Sunday. Mrs. Whipple has just completed her latest drafting commission and will relax with J. R. in our desert sunshine for a few days.

The Ray Moores were hosts to a delightful crowd on Father's Day. Catharine Phillips, their neice, her husband "Pinky" and three children drove here from Seattle. Betty Weih and Mary Louise Wilson, daughters of Ray and Odessa Moore, with their husbands and Mary Louise's daughter, Judy, also came from Long Beach and Bell to pay homage to Dad.

At the Club House for the weekend were Mrs. Maude Bunker and her sister from Los Angeles, Miss Zelma Gregg. Miss Gregg is in the office of the Clark Hotel in L. A. Mrs. Nena Goodwin, popular hostess at the Club House, also returned after a visit with her daughter and brand new granddaughter in the bitg city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Showalter, whose attractive home is on the Hiway east of town, have just returned after a ten day visit with their daughter, Mrs. Margaret Worthen in Burbank and with friends in Long Beach, Santa Ana and Orange.

Norma Bunker moved Sunday from her apartment on Sunburst to the Frank Lehenbauer home at Valley View and Commercial.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Wilds who operate the Meat Market at the Trading Post left Sunday, June 15, on an extensive tour of the west which will include a stop at Yellowstone Park and a visit with a brother, Roy Wilds at Meeteetsie, Wyoming. Fishing and hunting will occupy their time until they leave to spend some time with parents and other relatives in Auburn, Nebraska. The Wilds expect to return about the middle of September.

Visiting Mrs. Nellie Harlan on Mt. View this weekend were her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Laren Washburn of North Hollywood who stopped enroute to their farm in Nebraska.

At Mira Monte Courts for the weekend were the Jerome Conners and the Steve Moningers of Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. William Hammond have extended their stay for another week.

An interesting guest at Desertaire Lodge is Miss Alice Watson of Los Angeles. For three and a half years she was a member of the WAC during which time she managed a recruiting office in Chicago, organized the liberated PW section at Ft. Snelling and Camp McCoy and was counselor to the dischargees at Ft. Sheridan, Illinois. Miss Watson is particularly interested in problems of preventing juvenile delinquency and plans to offer classes in ceramic work for local youths. She contemplates establishing her home here eventually.

Mrs. Florence Laughlin of Long Beach, Mrs. Grace Ernst of Los Angeles, and Mr. Melville Hansen of Hollywood were visitors in town for Sunday.

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THE SCHOOL MUDDLE

Growing pains of varying degrees of intensity are to be expected in the development of any new community, but a more than ordinarily paintul ache needs attention. It would appear from the symptoms that now is the time to call the doctor. Joshua Tree and the rest of the Morongo Elementary School District faces an acute shortage of school facilities.

Attendance at school is required of all children by State law. Yet, because of other laws governing the raising of funds and construction of buildings, the State, County and School District provide no schools to attend. The State, according to available information, sets up prohibitive requirements, the County has exhausted its school funds and the School District has some money but can't or won't spend it.

This crisis is not of recent origin. For the past year the Trustees have been aware of our difficulties but have apparently done little to remedy the situation. What the voters are entitled to know is, what will be done with the money on hand and how soon. The time for constructive thinking and intelligent action is now.

VERNA COULTER TO AUDIT BANNING BOOKS

Effective July 1, Verna Coulter wil take over an auditing business in Banning. Mrs. Coulter reports that she will continue to service her accounts in Joshua Tree on her regular visits here every Wednesday and every other weekend.

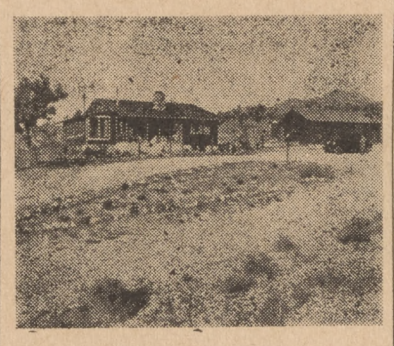
CLASSIFIED ADS BRING RESULTS

Visiting for three days with the Wm. Kirchs were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vaughn and three children Cookie, Tinker and Jerry. They explored Coyote Hole Canyon drove to some of the more interesting spots and soaked up a lot of desert sunshine.

Overlooked in our article last week about homes under construction was the two bedroom home of Orion and Georgia Harrington. It is now being erected on Chollita Road near Sunburst.

Lowly Philosophy

By JUNE LeMERT PAXTON



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That confront this turbulent world.

RED CROSS TO OFFER FIRST AID COURSES

Mrs. Marie Worthington, chairman of the Twentynine Palms branch of the American Red Cross, announces that an instructor will soon be available in this district to conduct classes in First Aid. She points out that qualified personnel must be available before aid stations can be established along the hiway.

The Journal is pleased to cooperate in this necessary program and will forward the names of all who are interested in participating. Please leave your name and address at the Journal office before the end of the week.

Bud Lyday who had the dubious honor of making the maiden voyage in our ambulance is back in town and on his feet again. His many friends are welcoming him and wishing him a speedy complete recovery.

A trip to Ontario was made Sunday by Birdie Below who took her small grandson home to his parents the Stewart Baileys. They have just moved into a new home for which they have been waiting. Mrs. Below returned the same day.

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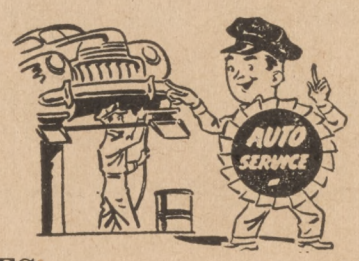

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Church - Corner

By ANTOINETTE KIRCH

Dr. Williams attended the conference in San Diego and during his absence the Sunday service was conducted by Mrs. H. K. Lee, Sunday School Superintendent. She gave a splendid talk on "Service."

Mrs. Lyle and Mrs. Kirch sang a duet and many of the old familiar hymns were sung by the congregation.

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Flying News From 'K' Field

Miss Ruth Arthur from Kankakee, Illinois, is the first woman to solo a glider at "K" Field. Taking a brief week end gliding course from her cousin, Paul Tuntland, Miss Arthur soloed in 2:30 dual instruction. She holds a private power license and has 60 hours flying to her credit. Paul will be on his way to Texas next week for the National Soaring Contest.

Bill Tracy of Caldwell, Idaho, visited "K" last week. Bill has been attending the University of Idaho and this summer intends to compete in the Texas Soaring Contest.

Marion and Walt White, old time glider enthusiasts, are spending four days at "K" flying their Laister Kauffman sailplane. The White brothers are instructors at the Northrup School of Aviation.

C. O. Rogney and John Olly from Los Angeles spent the week end soaring. Mr. Rogney qualified for his commercial glider license.

Mrs. Parker from San Diego has been visiting her sons Merle and Ray at "K" for the past week.

Local interest in flying increased this last week as Bill Miesten passed his private written exams and Cam West was exercising his Stearman over the valley. Pete Royal from Yucca Valley chartered the Cessna and took several friends over the National Monument. Billy Royal flew the Piper Cub for an hour.

Larry Edgar took his family for a soaring flight in his Laister Kauffman sailplane last Saturday.

Sid Lippin put the Piper Cub thru a few maneuvers Sunday morning.

Dewey Below was over to say goodbye for a while as he is preparing for an extended vacation.

Paul Laine of Pasadena has ben practicing in an LK sailplane for the National Contest.

SPORTLIGHTS

Cubs Bow to League Leaders 10-7

Over - eagerness and a horrible first inning beat the Joshua Cubs, as well as a Dean-Bagley outfit that could bear down in the pinches, in their scheduled tiff at Gilpin Field last Tuesday night. A constantly vociferous crowd of fans saw the weird humbling of the locals who fell apart at the seams in spite of good steady pitching by Fred Marble. Curtis, D-B hurler, was an enigma to the Josh batters who got to him for only three hits while he struck out eight. He walked five, in some cases even heaving the ball clean over the backstop. Marble struck out five and issued free passes to four.

The Cubs infield committed costly errors that, combined with two walks and two hits, gave the 29ers four counters in the first frame. In the second two more errors and one hit let in another run. The third was uneventful for the D-Bs but in the fourth Bagley led off with a homer Foster got a single and then the Cubs settled down to retire the side. In the fifth one more was scored, none in the sixth and then the locals collapsed again in the last stanza to let in three runs on one hit. That was the winning margin.

The Cubs scoring was also pretty much in the unearned category, as they garnered seven runs from three hits. Two in the second, one in the third, fifth and sixth frames and two in the seventh were not enough to win.

The winning pitcher was Curtis, the loser, Marble. Umpires, Bailey, behind the plate; Mooney on first; Elasser on third.

Score by innings:	R
Dean-Bagley 410 110 3	—10
Joshua Cubs 021 011 2	— 7

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June 17—DMB vs. D and B.
June 18—Marks vs. Joshua Tree.
June 19—Kenney's vs. Josh Cafe.
June 24—D and B vs. Marks.
June 25—DMB vs. Kenney's.
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The Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion meets second Thursday in each month. Place to be announced by publicity representative.

American Legion meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at the New American Legion Hall.

Woman's Club meets 3rd Friday of each month at 2 o'clock at the Club House.

Community Youth Fellowship meets at 6:30 P.M. every Sunday evening at the home of Mrs. H. K. Lee on Commercial and Sunburst.

The Tri-Valley Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Watch the Joshua Journal for announcement of the place.

Board of Directors of the Tri-Valley Lions Club meets last Thursday of each month at the O. D. Thomas Office in Yucca Valley. All members are welcome.

The Sportsman's Club meets at the American Legion Hall the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

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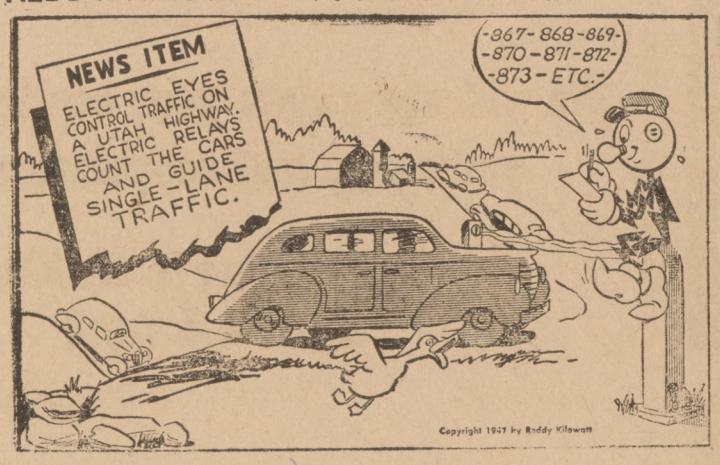
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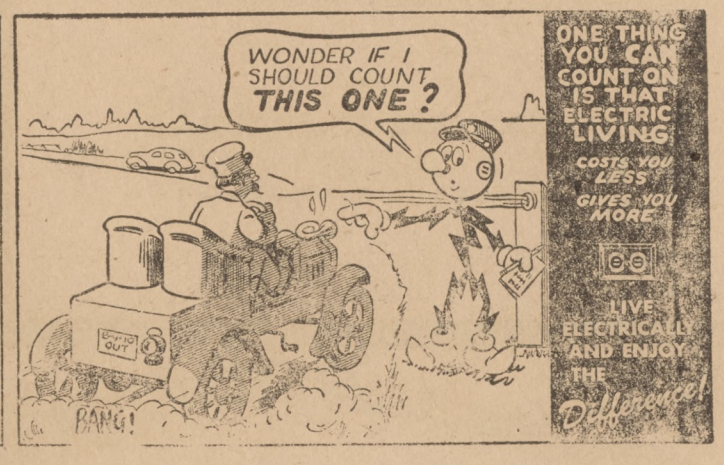
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Joshuaites who are stirring at 7:30 of a morning are well on the way to solving that riddle, of Why Does a Chicken, etc. Every morning a stately white hen picks her way deliberately from somewhere north of the highway, down the covered walk in the business section and then disappears in back of the Post Office. Not one to be bothered by trifles, she keeps her eyes open for a tasty hunk of granite or a glittering piece of broken pop bottle at which to peck. So far the vista across the way has not tempted Biddy to alter her course. The reasons for her daily tour are unknown and the regular observers, true gentlemen of the desert, respect a ladies right to occasional solitude and do not pester her with silly questions. But someday, you can bet, she'll cross that road and then, maybe, we'll find out why.

SPORTSHORTS

A tremendous increase in the sale of glue has been reported by local merchants this week. Most of the purchasers wore blue caps with a big golden "C" on the front.

The gents that man the forward OP (artillerymen take note) in front of the Postoffice are brushing up on their mathematics since the warm weather set in. Mathematics, so I'm told, is the study of figures. No, Wilberforce, we're too busy to glance out the window at the Journal editorial sanctum.

All kidding aside the Cubs are still better than an even bet in any game. Don't forget to be at Gilpin Field Wednesday night this week.

We heard a rumor that Fred Marble, Cubs twirler, and his charming helpmeet are planning a home here. We have instructed our spies to get the real dope and will report at greater length after we G2 the info.

More and more terpsichorean devotees are taking advantage of the hot tunes and cool refreshments at the Saturday night Sportsman's soirees. And a right smart smattering are from Yucca and 29.

Maybe Claud Irwin could benefit from a short session on an adding machine. He promised to leave twenty chairs for the C of C meet on Friday but thirteen was all I could find and I counted 'em with my specs on, too. Or could the spooks have whisked them away?

Spook Show Pleases Crowd

Before a small but appreciative audience on Friday night at the Legion Hall, Manley the Magician pulled a hatful of tricks that delighted the youngsters as well as the older folks. Several other meetings scheduled for the same time cut down the attendance at the affair that was staged by the Sportsman's Club. The Club plans a return engagement for the same attraction.

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